

Wassaw NWR
Chatham County,
Georgia

Wassaw is one of over 500 National Wildlife Refuges. The primary objective of a National Wildlife Refuge is to provide habitat for the conservation and protection of all species of wildlife. The harvest of surplus animals is one tool used to manage wildlife populations at a level compatible with the environment, provide recreational opportunities, and permit the use of a valuable renewable resource.

Certain areas
(marked on the
map printed on the
reverse side) are
closed to hunting

The regulations listed below supplement the general regulations which govern hunting on wildlife areas as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. Hunting will be in accordance with applicable State (Georgia) regulation. All Coast Guard and State boating regulations will be enforced.

General Deer
Hunt Regulations

Federal permits are required for all hunts and must be carried on the person while hunting. All hunters must obtain a permit regardless of age. Permits are non-transferable. Only hunt participants with proper licenses and permits will be allowed on the refuge during hunts. **A Georgia hunting license is required to hunt feral hogs.**

Hunters 15 years of age or under (youth hunters) must have successfully passed a state-approved hunter education course in order to participate in any refuge hunt. Satisfactory completion of the course must be demonstrated by a card or certificate. Youth hunters must be supervised by an adult 21 years of age or older, and must remain in sight and normal voice contact with the adult. During refuge hunts, the adult may supervise only one youth.

Hunters must check in at the refuge dock prior to setting up camp.

Personal identification (driver's license, or official state identification card) will be required at check in.

Hunters may place their stands on the refuge prior to the opening day of each hunt. However, hunters assume all responsibility for the loss or damage of personal property left on the refuge.

Hunters may check in no more than one day in advance of the opening day of each hunt period. Hunters will be confined to the camping area until noon on the first day of check-in; from noon until 5:00 pm. scouting will be permitted. Weapons may not be taken from the campground during these authorized scouting periods.

Hunters must be off the refuge the day following the last day of the hunt period.

Boats may not be moored to the government dock except for loading and unloading purposes. Boats must be moored at the specified area near the government dock.

All camping will be at the designated camping area only. Fires must be confined to the camping area.

The possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.

Firearms must be unloaded and disassembled or cased while boats are in motion. Loaded firearms are not allowed in the headquarters and/or camping area.

The possession of poison, or poison pods, is illegal.

The distribution of bait, and hunting over bait, is prohibited.

Target practice during both the archery hunt and the gun/primitive weapons hunt is prohibited.

How to obtain
bow hunt permits

From one-half hour before legal sunrise until 9:00 am and from two hours before sunset until legal sunset, hunters must be on their stands.

Transportation is not provided to, from, or on the refuge. Any movement within the refuge must be by foot or bicycle. Entry and exit points are limited to the check station. Hunters are not allowed to leave by boat to reach other parts of the island.

Deer harvested during scheduled hunts must be checked by refuge personnel before leaving the refuge.

Only white-tailed deer and feral hogs may be taken and other wildlife may not be molested in any manner.

Hunting from a tree in which a metal object has been screwed or driven is prohibited.

Participating in "man-drives" for deer is prohibited.

No flagging, blazing, or trail marking devices may be used to locate stands, or for any other purpose.

All forms of litter must be placed in trash receptacles for proper disposal.

Specific regulations governing the bow and gun hunts are listed separately.

The attached permit (on cover) to participate in the bow hunt will be validated during check-in at the refuge headquarters on Wassaw Island. An unlimited number of permits will be available for the bow hunt.

Hunters who participate in the bow hunt may also participate in the gun hunt.

Gun Hunt
Permit
Application
Procedures

The attached permit-application for the Wassaw NWR gun hunt should be used by one hunter only. To apply as a party, applications for all party hunters (a maximum of three) should be stapled together and mailed to the Savannah Coastal Refuges office (1000 Business Center Dr., Parkway Business Center, Suite 10, Savannah, Georgia 31405).

Additional applications may be obtained by mail, or picked up at the Coastal Refuges office located in the Parkway Business Center (off I-16 at Chatham Parkway, Savannah, Georgia).

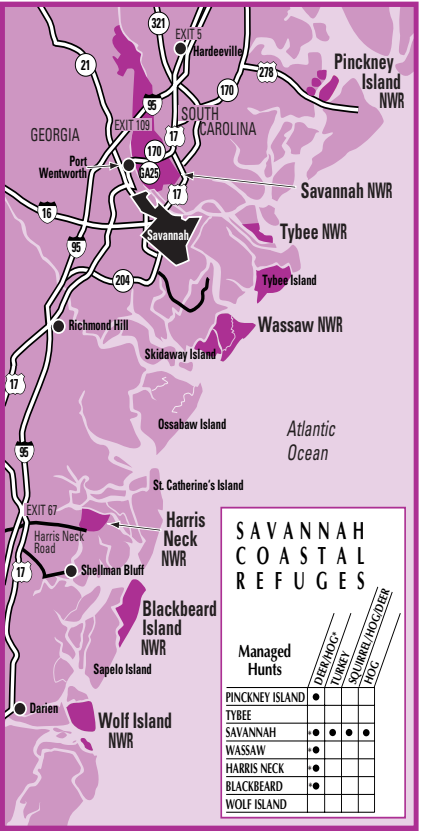
Only one application may be submitted per hunter. Persons or groups submitting more than one application will be disqualified. Applications for the hunt must be received by August 31 to be entered in the drawing; 125 permits will be issued for the gun hunt.

Hunters selected by drawing on September 1, 2000 will be notified by mail. A \$12.50 permit fee must be paid by each hunter selected by drawing. A personal check, cashier's check, or money order made payable to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service must be **received** at the Coastal office by October 25 to guarantee issuance of a permit to the selected hunter.

Archery hunting for deer on Wassaw NWR will be permitted only on October 5-7, 2000 within the area indicated on the attached refuge map. Primitive weapons are permitted only on October 7. No crossbows will be allowed.

All hunters must wear an outer garment which contains a minimum of 500 square inches of hunter-orange material above the waist while hunting on the ground, or walking to and from stands on the last hunt day.

Gun Hunt (Deer)



Five deer may be taken (bonus tags will be issued for all deer taken). Feral hogs (no bag limit) may also be taken with weapons legal for this hunt.

Wassaw NWR will be closed to the general public one day before and one day after the hunt period as well as on hunt days.

Gun hunting for deer on Wassaw NWR will be permitted only on November 2-4, 2000 within the area indicated on the refuge map printed in this brochure.

Five deer may be taken (bonus tags will be issued for all deer taken). Feral hogs (no bag limit) may also be taken with weapons legal for this hunt.

Hunters are required to wear an outer garment which contains a minimum of 500 square inches of hunter-orange material above the waist.

Campground
Facilities



Signs Protect
Visitors and
Resources



Shotguns, 20 gauge or larger (slugs only), centerfire rifles, bows, and primitive weapons, in accordance with state regulations, are the only weapons permitted.

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All campsites are primitive. Potable water and chemical toilets are available at the nearby check station. A cooler unit is operated to store harvested deer.

Boater Caution

Coastal waters are subject to extreme tidal fluctuations of six to ten feet. Hunters should be familiar with the tide tables, and monitor coastal weather conditions before navigating to the barrier island refuge.

Millions of people visit national wildlife refuges each year. The impact of human activity, if not regulated, can degrade these wildlands. Signs control recreational activities while protecting natural resources on the refuge. Please respect the following signs:

This sign delineates the refuge boundary or a restricted access area. You may enter only on designated access routes. Consult manager for restrictions.

This area is closed to all entry. No hunting or sight-seeing is permitted. Roads and trails within this area are closed to the public.

Wassaw National Wildlife Refuge
Permit Application for the
November 2-4, 2000 Gun Hunt

Print: _____

Name _____

Date of birth _____

Street address _____

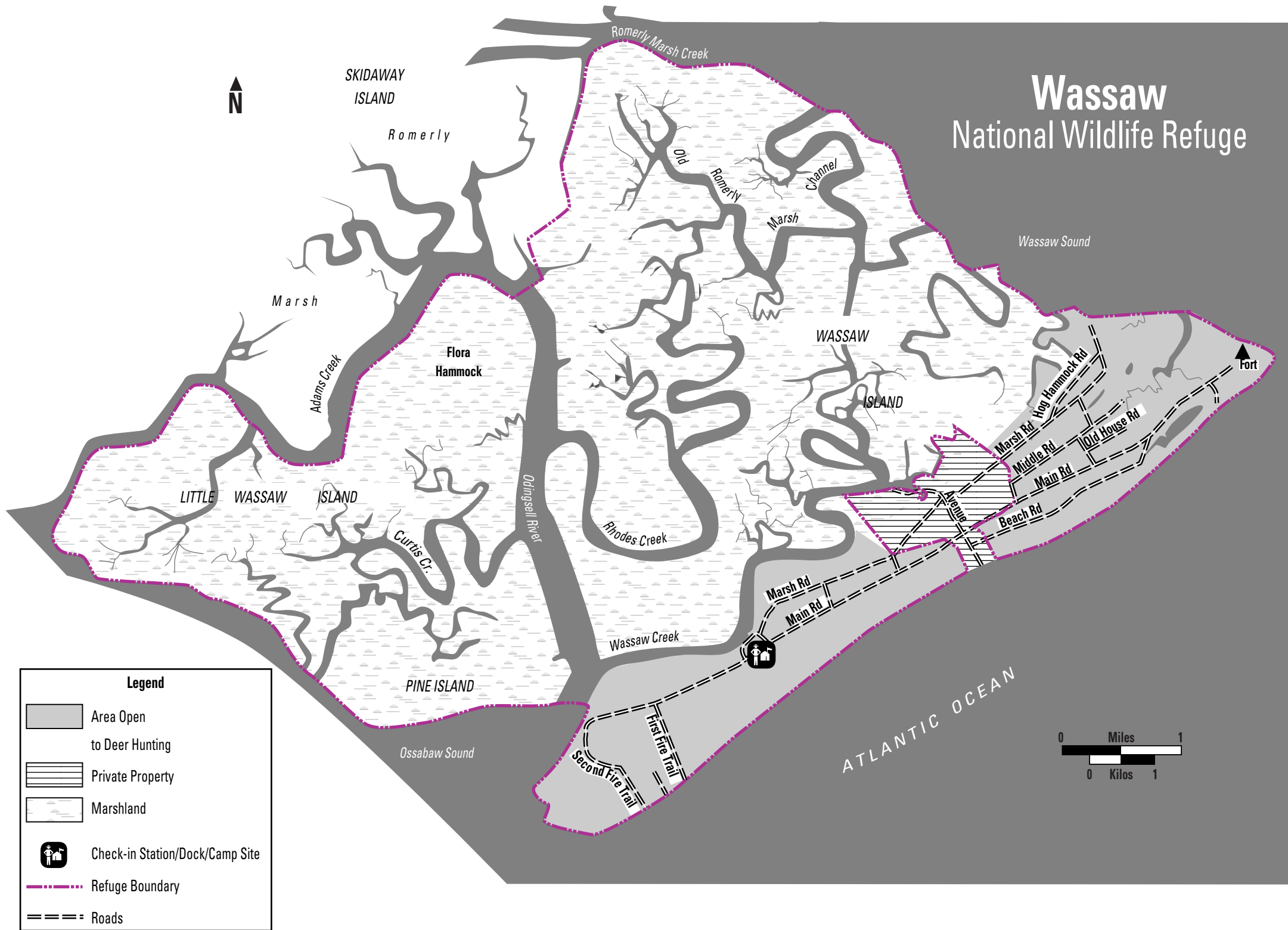
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone number _____

Party hunters: Staple applications together
(maximum of three). List your party hunters:

1. _____

2. _____



Savannah Coastal Refuges
1000 Business Center Drive
Parkway Business Center, Suite 10
Savannah, Georgia 31405
912/652 4415
<http://southeast.fws.gov>

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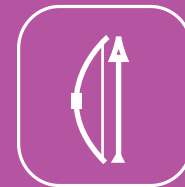
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Wassaw

National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations 2000



2000 Wassaw NWR Bow Hunt Permit

When signed and in your possession, this brochure serves as your Wassaw bow hunt permit, and acknowledges your understanding of the regulations contained herein.

Check-in is required upon arrival at the refuge dock.

Signature _____